

## *Editorial Department.*

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IT certainly cannot be considered other than appropriate, that we should congratulate our eminent co-worker—Dr. Hammond—on his restoration to the high rank he had attained in the medical department of the army of the United States, during the early part of the civil war, and on the completeness of his final vindication from the misdemeanors, which it has been since seen, were so unjustly imputed to him.

Dr. Hammond may have even grave faults, as some have thought, but no one familiar with his history during and since the war, will in candor, withhold a sincere admiration for the courage, industry, indomitable perseverance and elasticity of spirit which he has shown, in the midst of a host of difficulties which would have disheartened, or even crushed an ordinary man.

He has triumphed over them, and has placed himself, in many respects, at the head of his profession in his own country, and has made himself widely and favorably known abroad. All this has been accomplished in a comparatively short period in time, and by his personal exertions, apart from outside aid, and even in spite of hostile opposition.

Dr. Hammond has not yet passed his prime, and retains in full measure his physical and mental powers, and lives in the enjoyment of a notable success, both as a practitioner and author, especially in nervous and mental diseases—in that high and difficult department in medicine, which he was the first among American physicians to occupy in a prominent manner.

May he long live to enjoy the well earned rewards of a successful professional life.

WE have received the prospectus of a new quarterly neurological journal, "*The Alienist and Neurologist*," to appear about the first of January. It is to be under the editorial and business management of Dr. C. H. Hughes, who is favorably known to very many of our readers as a prominent ex-asylum superintendent and writer on neurological subjects. The scope of the proposed periodical is indicated in its name, but we understand that it will also give brief records of general medical progress, and that its principal aim will be to introduce psychiatric and neurological subjects to the general practitioner. We wish the new journal all the success it merits.

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